सुपर बाजार का निजीकरण

2301. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी : क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार ने अगैर कोई निविदा आमंत्रित किए हाल ही में शाखाओं के नवीकरण पर लाखों रुपए खर्च किए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले 18 महीनों के दौरान नवीकरण पर अनुमानतः कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि नवीकरण का कार्य सुपर बाजार की प्रबंध समिति की जानकार एक पार्टी को सौंपा गया था;

(घ) क्या सुपर बाजार ने अपने कुछ विभागों का भी निजीकरण किया है और क्या वर्ष 1994 तक सुपर बाजार के सम्पूर्ण निजीकरण का प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ताकि इस संगठन के स्तर में सुधार किया जा सके; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा विभागों का निजीकरण करने के लिए क्या प्रक्रिया अपनाई गई है ?

नागरिक पुर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) सुपर बाजार ने सूचित किया है कि उन्होंने गत 2 वर्षों में 35 शाखाओं के नवीकरण पर लगभग 13 लाख रुपए की राशि व्यय की है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा है कि सुपर बाजार में एक इंजीनियरी सेल है, जो भंडार के ऐसे सभी कार्य करता है। यह सेल एक इंजीनियर के तहत कार्य को करता है और सभी निर्धारित प्रक्रियाओं का पालन करता है तथा उपयुक्त निविदाएं/कोटेशन आमंत्रित करने के बाद भण्डार के पास पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों के माध्यम से कार्य प्रतिस्पर्धी दरों पर दिया जाता है। प्राक्कलन, दरों की दिल्ली अनुसूची तथा गैर-अनुसूची वस्तुओं के लिए बाजार औचित्य के आधार पर तैयार किए जाते हैं। बजटीय प्रावधानों को प्रबंध समिति द्वारा अनुमोदित किया जाता है। कुछ योजनाएं निर्माण कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा योजना बजट के तहत प्रदत्त वित्तीय सेवाओं से शुरू की जाती हैं।

(ग) और (घ) जी नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

SUBSIDIES TO ARTICLES UNDER PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

2302. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
will the Miinster of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a constant pressure from the IMF to cut-down poverty alleviation subsidies in respect of public distribution system ;

(b) if so, whether in view of enhanced support prices of agrictiltural products like wheat, rice, sugarcane, the subsidies are likely to be increased to maintain the price at the present level ; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to maintain a balance between IMF pressures and internal demands for poverty alleviation programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BASIC OBJECTIVES AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER REVAMPED PDS

2303. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) what were the basic objectives of the revamped Public Distribution System; (b) details of the targets set under the revamped PDS ;

(c) how far these have been achieved ; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the benefits of revamped PDS reach the targetted group of Population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DIS-

TRIBUTTON AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AH- MED) : (a) The aim of Revamped Public [Distribution System (PDS) is to improve the reach of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in hilly, remote, inaccessible, tribal areas etc. where a substantial segment of poor population lives. The Central Government in consultation with the States, identified more than 1700 blocks covered by various area specific programmes such as Drought Prone Area Program- me (DPAP), Desert Development Program- me (DDP), Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) and Designated Hill Areas (DHA). The States/UTs agreed to implement various points of action under tho RPDS which are :

(i) to open additional fair price shops in areas unserved|underserved;

(ii) to issue additional ration cards to population not so far covered;

(iii) to create/hire storage capacity and develop infrastructure for stocking of foodgrains in interior areas ;

(iv) to make suitable arrangements for delivery of PDS items at the doorsteps of Fair Price Shops (FPSs);

(v) to constitute/set up Vigilance Committees at FPS/Village and other levels for monitoring supply and availability of commodities ;

(vi) imdertake distribution of additional commoditfes to the population in the area using he PDS outlets.

(b) and (c) The target and achievement of the various points of action as reported by the State Govemments till 15-12-93 are as under :—

	Targets	Achievement
(i) Additional fair price shops opened .	10580	107579
(ii) Additional ration cards issued .	26,57,878	28,31,522
(iii) Storage Caapacity	413400 tonnes	168296 tonnes Created 55300 tonnes Hired 112996 tonnes
(iv) Doorstep delivery (Total number of FPS in identified ars	77204	
No. of FPSR covered under door-step delivery		56110

Most of the State Govemmenis have reported that they have set up Vigilance Committees by involving local consumers, card borders for monitering the supply and availability of essential commodities at FPS/Village level. They have also been reported to be distributing additional items such as tea, pulses, soaps, iodised salt, matches, exercise books etc. using the PDS outlets.

(d) Government decided to make available additional 2 million tonnes of foodgrains per annum or distribution in RPDS areas, the Central Issue Prices (CIP) of which is Rs. 50 per quintal lower than the CIP of foodgrains issued under normal PDS. Government has also liberalised financial assistance scheme from the year 1992-93 under which State Govemments are provided assistance for purchase of mobile vans and for construction of godowns. The assistance comprises subsidy of 50% and loan component of 50%. In case of mobile van scheme, the per van assistance is given at the rate of Rs. 4 lakhs.

Consultations with the State Govemments are regularly held to impress upon them the need to make available larper and more meaningful quantities to the needy and deserving sections.

PRICES OF ONIONS

2304. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA. KANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the retail prices of onions during last six months, month-wis^